

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

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Sunday Bible Class 10:00AM
 Sunday Morning Assembly 11:00AM
 Sunday Evening Assembly 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30PM

Privileged to Serve

Announcements Rich Book
 Song Leader Ron Smith
 Prayer Lowell Smith
 Lord's Table Marc Curfman
 Assist Don Salisbury
 Harley Carrothers
 Bruce Curfman

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Bob Parker

Song Leader Evening: Tom Mayes

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	45	41
Morn. Assembly	62	67
Sun Eve.	26	31
Wed. Study	14	19
Contribution	\$1132.00	\$1028.00

Leading to Hell

Over the years I have noticed two responses to the Gospel; one of the mind and one of the heart. A perfect example of both responses can be seen in Paul's trial in Caesarea. There are those like King Agrippa whose understanding of truth should have convicted him but he failed to follow with his heart. The cost of the things of this world was more than he was willing to surrender. On the other hand, there are those like Festus the governor whose mind was just so foreign to understanding God's grace, that nothing Paul said made sense to his world view. As Paul would later say; **"For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** ^{1 Cor. 1:18.}

As Christians, we work hard to convince and persuade people concerning the truth of the Gospel. **"By the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left"** ^{2 Cor. 6:7.} We do all we can to reach out and win both the hearts and minds of those we encounter. We plead, we confront, and we persist! With the heart of God, we too do not wish to see any perish (2 Pet. 3:9).

What often bothers me the most are those who understand God's plan of salvation, are convinced of what must be done and yet their hearts prevent them from surrendering to God's will. Many seem like such good souls. What is it that holds them back from obedience and hope? Far too often it is their love for friends and family. They fear offending those they love or being rejected by those they care so much for. The relationship is a strong bond, difficult to confront.

For those of us who have never had this weight on our hearts, we need to sympathize. It truly is a difficult choice. Yet our Lord Himself recognized this struggle and declared; **"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. "He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it."** ^{Matt. 10:37-39.}

Though we are called to follow Christ, what God wants us to recognize is our duty among those we know to lead and not follow. You are a leader, whether or not you feel qualified. You either lead toward heaven or you lead toward hell. Such is an awesome and humbling mandate. Although we cannot force faithfulness in others, we must speak and act out of selfless love. Ezekiel 3:18 speaks of the reality each of us confronts as we live among friends, family and even strangers. **"When I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die', and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand."** He goes on to say the same about those who we consider righteous but are on the wrong path.

To fail to obey the Gospel for the sake of family or friends is to fail those loved ones. The only hope, the only light many will ever witness will not come from a preacher but from your life lived in obedience and faith. The most loving act you can do for that brother, sister, husband, wife, or friend is when you stand with God.

The heart is a wonderful thing but only by giving your heart to God can your heart truly bless those who matter most. By your choices, you lead. Where are you leading people for eternity?
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Welcome to Highway 32 Church,

We are a group of Christians worshipping God according to the Teaching in the New Testament. May we all worship our loving Father today with sincere hearts, open and receptive to His Spirit and His love.

June Teachers

Pre- K thru 5th Sue Curfman

Youth: Tom Mayes

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



June Teacher:
Karen Smith



Building & Communion
Month of June
Tom/Jessica Mayes

Note: Children will go to Bible Hour during the song before the morning lesson. Children ages 2 thru the 6th grade may attend.

Sermon notes: Do this in Memory of Me

The night of Christ's betrayal, He shared what we call "The Last Supper" with the disciples. What was established that night was given as a meal of remembrance for all generations of believers. Today, we continue with this sacred tradition.

Many churches differ on when, how and even how they honor this meal. Our goal is to see if God's word gives us our direction on all of the above. As the church, we partake each Lord's Day. We use unleavened bread and the "fruit of the vine." The passages to understand this are found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, Acts 20:7 and 1 Cor. 11.

In Acts 20:7 we see Luke describing what he saw as the common agreement of coming together on the first day of the week to "break bread." A common description of the Lord's Supper.

1 Cor. 11:20-26 describes the central purpose of our gatherings as that of partaking of the supper. As such, we do so each Lord's Day.

The purpose goes back to what our Lord Himself declared. We do so in memory of Him and His sacrifice on the cross. As believers, we each Lord's Day remind ourselves and one another that we are saved by the blood of the Lamb (John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19) The blood of our Lord forgives sin, not the sacrifice of an animal (Heb. 10:10). We are saved by God's grace and not our own goodness (Eph. 2:8-9). His body and blood are given as a propitiation or expiation for our sins (Rom. 3:25; 1 John 4:10)

The supper is a sacred event each Lord's Day. No one is worthy. It is a reminder of God's love and mercy. Still, we must partake in a worthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27-29) We meditate on the awesome grace given us. This is not a casual meal to be taken lightly. It is a meal for those who have committed their lives to the new Covenant, established in His blood and sacrifice. It is not for the casual visitor nor a curious child. To take of the Supper in a worthy manner is to commit to all that the cross of Christ calls us to be. We examine ourselves. Not whether or not we are worthy but whether or not our minds and hearts are focused on the holy grace given us by the death of our Lord on the Cross.

On the Lord's Day, more than anything else, we offer praise to God for the sacrifice of Christ on the cross on our behalf and we praise God that on that first day of the week, the disciples found the empty grave. Because he died, we have forgiveness. Because he lives, we have hope.

June Birthdays

6/1 Savana Beard
6/4 Bruce Curfman
6/4 Makenzie Hahn

May Anniversaries

5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith

June Anniversaries

6/3 Frank/Yvonne Glover
6/21 Cotton/Marian Blakley
6/22 Joe/Sandra Sena
6/24 Carl/Donna Beard
6/25 Lowell/Karen Smith

Prayers: Karen Smith's coworker, Christian Jent is 32 weeks pregnant and doctors may have to take the baby early. Our families traveling this week; Norvells, Glovers, and Wrights.

Continue to remember: Mark Book, Joe Cassinelli, Mary Chapman, Megan Chapman, Mary Carrothers, Josh Cornett, Karen Creamer, Ray Curfman, Sara Davis, Maralah Morgan, Clayton Wagner, Laura Wilkey, Our church family.

"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."